

Under the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995, no persons are required to respond to a collection of information unless it displays a valid OMB control number.

3725
JFW

TRANSMITTAL FORM

(to be used for all correspondence after initial filing)

Total Number of Pages in This Submission 5+2 Refs.+Search Report

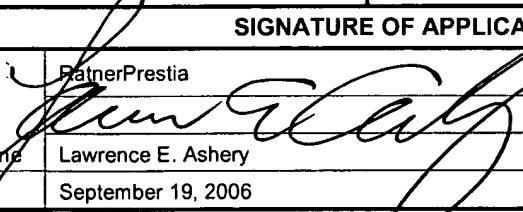
| | |
|----------------------|------------------|
| Application Number | 10/521,105 |
| Filing Date | January 11, 2005 |
| First Named Inventor | Akiko Yuasa |
| Art Unit | 3725 |
| Examiner Name | Faye Francis |
| Attorney Docket No. | MAT-8647US |

ENCLOSURES (Check all that apply)

| | | |
|--|---|---|
| <input type="checkbox"/> Fee Transmittal Form <input type="checkbox"/> Fee Attached <input type="checkbox"/> Amendment/Reply <input type="checkbox"/> After Final <input type="checkbox"/> Affidavits/Declaration(s) <input type="checkbox"/> Extension of Time Request <input type="checkbox"/> Express Abandonment Request <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Information Disclosure Statement (Supplemental) <input type="checkbox"/> Certified Copy of Priority Document(s) <input type="checkbox"/> Response to Missing Parts/ Incomplete Application <input type="checkbox"/> Response to Missing Parts under 37 CFR 1.52 or 1.53 | <input type="checkbox"/> Drawing(s) <input type="checkbox"/> Licensing-related Papers <input type="checkbox"/> Petition <input type="checkbox"/> Petition to Convert to a Provisional Application <input type="checkbox"/> Power of Attorney, Revocation, Change of Correspondence Address <input type="checkbox"/> Terminal Disclaimer <input type="checkbox"/> Request for Refund <input type="checkbox"/> CD, Number of CD(s) _____ <input type="checkbox"/> Landscape Table on CD | <input type="checkbox"/> After Allowance Communication to TC <input type="checkbox"/> Appeal Communication to Board of Appeals and Interferences <input type="checkbox"/> Appeal Communication to TC (Appeal Notice, Brief, Reply Brief) <input type="checkbox"/> Proprietary Information <input type="checkbox"/> Status Letter <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Other Enclosure(s) (please identify below): PTO-Form SB/08(a) and (b) 2 References European Search Report Return Postcard |
|--|---|---|

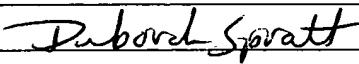
Remarks:

SIGNATURE OF APPLICANT, ATTORNEY OR AGENT

| | | | |
|--------------|---|------------------|--------|
| Firm Name | PatentPrestia | | |
| Signature |  | | |
| Printed Name | Lawrence E. Ashery | | |
| Date | September 19, 2006 | Registration No. | 34,515 |

CERTIFICATE OF TRANSMISSION / MAILING

I hereby certify that this correspondence is being facsimile transmitted to the USPTO or deposited with the United States Postal Service with sufficient postage as first class mail in an envelope addressed to: Commissioner for Patents, P.O. Box 1450, Alexandria, VA 22313-1450 on the date shown below:

| | |
|-----------------------|---|
| Signature |  |
| Typed or Printed Name | Deborah Spratt |
| Date | September 19, 2006 |

This collection of information is required by 37 CFR 1.5. The information is required to obtain or retain a benefit by the public which is to file (and by the USPTO to process) an application. Confidentiality is governed by 35 U.S.C. 122 and 37 CFR 1.11 and 1.14. This collection is estimated to take 2 hours to complete, including gathering, preparing, and submitting the completed application form to the USPTO. Time will vary depending upon the individual case. Any comments on the amount of time you require to complete this form and/or suggestions for reducing this burden, should be sent to the Chief Information Office, U.S. Patent and Trademark Office, U.S. Department of Commerce, P.O. Box 1450, Alexandria, VA 22313-1450. DO NOT SEND FEES OR COMPLETED FORMS TO THIS ADDRESS. SEND TO: Commissioner for Patents, P.O. Box 1450, ALEXANDRIA, VA 22313-1450.

If you need assistance in completing the form, call 1-800-PTO-9199 and select option 2.

**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

Appln. No.: 10/521,105
Applicant: Akiko Yuasa
Filed: January 11, 2005
Title: METHOD FOR RECYCLING THERMAL INSULATION MATERIAL, RECYCLED ARTICLE AND REFRIGERATOR (AS AMENDED)
TC/A.U.: 3725
Examiner: Faye Francis
Confirmation No.: 7061
Docket No.: MAT-8647US

SUPPLEMENTAL INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT

Commissioner for Patents
P.O. Box 1450
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Sir:

Pursuant to 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.97 and 1.98 and to the duty of disclosure set forth in 37 C.F.R. § 1.56, the Examiner in charge of the above-identified application is requested to consider and make of record the references listed on the PTO/SB/08a and PTO/SB/08b submitted herewith. A copy of the references listed on the PTO/SB/08a and PTO/SB/08b, other than U.S. patents, is enclosed.

Although the information submitted herewith may be "material" to the Examiner's consideration of the subject application, this submission is not intended to constitute an admission that such information is "prior art" as to the claimed invention.

In accordance with 37 C.F.R. § 1.97(g), the filing of this Supplemental Information Disclosure Statement shall not be construed to mean that a search has been made.

References JP 2002-144183 and JP 2002-188791 were previously cited in an Information Disclosure Statement dated January 11, 2005.

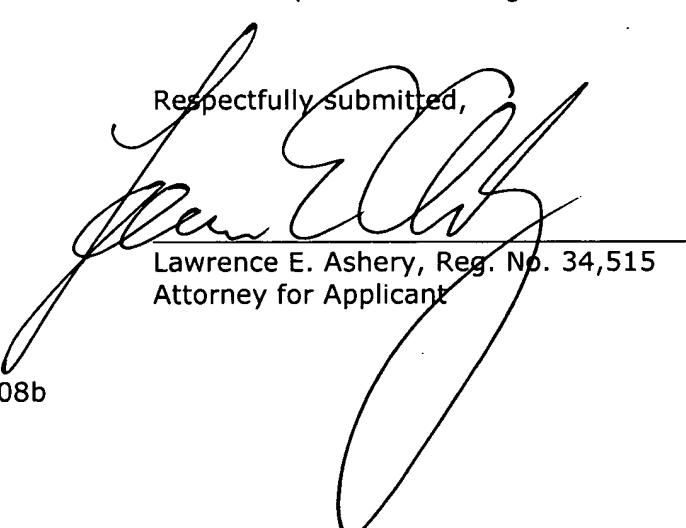
More than three months have elapsed since the filing of the above-referenced application and/or a first (non-Final) Official Action has been received. No Final Action or Notice of Allowance has yet been received and it is presumed that none has yet been mailed.

Accordingly, as more specifically indicated below, a statement as required by 37 C.F.R. § 1.97(c) is provided herewith.

STATEMENT

The undersigned hereby states that each item of information disclosed in the Information Disclosure Statement was first cited in any communication from a foreign patent office in a counterpart foreign application not more than three months prior to the filing of the Information Disclosure Statement.

Respectfully submitted,


Lawrence E. Ashery, Reg. No. 34,515
Attorney for Applicant

LEA/ds

Enclosures: PTO/SB/08a and PTO/SB/08b
(2) References
Search Report
Transmittal Form

Dated: September 19, 2006

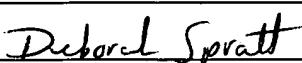
P.O. Box 980
Valley Forge, PA 19482
(610) 407-0700

The Commissioner for Patents is hereby authorized to charge payment to Deposit Account No. 18-0350 of any fees associated with this communication.

I hereby certify that this correspondence is being deposited with the United States Postal Service as first class mail, with sufficient postage, in an envelope addressed to: Commissioner for Patents, P.O. Box 1450, Alexandria, VA 22313-1450 on:

September 19, 2006

Deborah Spratt



ds/64895



INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT BY APPLICANT

(Use as many sheets as necessary)

| | | |
|---|---------------------------------|------------------|
|  INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT BY APPLICANT <i>(Use as many sheets as necessary)</i> | <i>Complete if Known</i> | |
| | Application Number | 10/521,105 |
| | Filing Date | January 11, 2005 |
| | First Named Inventor | Akiko Yuasa |
| | Art Unit | 3725 |
| | Examiner Name | Faye Francis |
| SHEET 1 of 2 | Attorney Docket No. | MAT-8647US |

U.S. PATENT DOCUMENTS

FOREIGN PATENT DOCUMENTS

| Examiner Initials* | Cite No. ¹ | Foreign Patent Document | Publication Date (MM-DD-YYYY) | Name of Patentee or Applicant of Cited Document | Pages, Columns, Lines, Where Relevant Passages or Relevant Figures Appear | T ⁶ <input type="checkbox"/> |
|--------------------|-----------------------|---|----------------------------------|---|--|--|
| | | Country Code ³ - Number ⁴ - Kind Code ⁵ (If known) | | | | |
| | | EP 0 442 113 (w/English Abstract) | 08-21-1991 | APU GMBH GESELLSCHAFT FUER ANALYTIK UND PLANUNG VON UMWELTTECHNOLO GIE | | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| | | WO 96/35524 (w/English Abstract) | 11-14-1996 | BRESCH ENTSORGUNG GMBH; LANDAHL, CLAUS-DIETER; HORST, LANDAHL | | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| | | | | | | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| | | | | | | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| | | | | | | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| | | | | | | <input type="checkbox"/> |

| | | | |
|-----------------------|--|--------------------|--|
| Examiner Signature | | Date Considered | |
|-----------------------|--|--------------------|--|

*EXAMINER: Initial if reference considered, whether or not citation is in conformance with MPEP 609. Draw line through citation if not in conformance and not considered. Include copy of this form with next communication to Applicant.

¹Applicant's unique citation designation number (optional):

²See Kind Codes of USPTO Patent Documents at www.uspto.gov or MPEP 901.04.

³Enter Office that issued the document, by the two-letter code (WIPO Standard St.3).

***For Japanese patent documents, the indication of the year of the reign of the Emperor must precede the serial number of the patent document.**

⁵Kind of document by the appropriate symbols as indicated on the document under WIPO Standard ST.16 if possible.

⁶Applicant is to place a check mark here if English language translation is attached.

The collection of information is required by 37 CFR 1.97 and 1.98. The information is required to obtain or retain a benefit by the public which is to file (and by the USPTO to process) an application. Confidentiality is governed by 35 U.S.C. 122 and 37 CFR 1.14. This collection is estimated to take 2 hours to complete, including gathering, preparing, and submitting the completed application form to the USPTO. Time will vary depending upon the individual case. Any comments on the amount of time you require to complete this form and/or suggestions for reducing this burden, should be sent to the Chief Information Officer, U.S. Patent and Trademark Office, U.S. Department of Commerce, P.O. Box 1450, Alexandria, VA 22313-1450. DO NOT SEND FEES OR COMPLETED FORMS TO THIS ADDRESS. **SEND TO: Commissioner for Patents, P.O. Box 1450, Alexandria, VA 22313-1450.**

If you need assistance in completing the form, call 1-800-PTO-9199 (1-800-786-9199) and select option 2.

INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT BY APPLICANT

(Use as many sheets as necessary)

SHEET 2 of 2

| <i>Complete If Known</i> | |
|--------------------------|------------------|
| Application Number | 10/521,105 |
| Filing Date | January 11, 2005 |
| First Named Inventor | Akiko Yuasa |
| Art Unit | 3725 |
| Examiner Name | Faye Francis |
| Attorney Docket No. | MAT-8647US |

NON-PATENT LITERATURE DOCUMENTS

| | | | |
|-----------------------|--|--------------------|--|
| Examiner Signature | | Date Considered | |
|-----------------------|--|--------------------|--|

*EXAMINER: Initial if reference considered, whether or not citation is in conformance with MPEP 609. Draw line through citation if not in conformance and not considered. Include copy of this form with next communication to Applicant.

¹Applicant's unique citation designation number (optional).

²Applicant is to place a check mark here if English language translation is attached.

The collection of information is required by 37 CFR 1.98. The information is required to obtain or retain a benefit by the public which is to file (and by the USPTO to process) an application. Confidentiality is governed by 35 U.S.C. 122 and 37 CFR 1.14. This collection is estimated to take 120 minutes to complete, including gathering, preparing, and submitting the completed application form to the USPTO. Time will vary depending upon the individual case. Any comments on the amount of time you require to complete this form and/or suggestions for reducing this burden, should be sent to the Chief Information Officer, U.S. Patent and Trademark Office, U.S. Department of Commerce, P.O. Box 1450, Alexandria, VA 22313-1450. DO NOT SEND FEES OR COMPLETED FORMS TO THIS ADDRESS.

SEND TO: Commissioner for Patents, P.O. Box 1450, Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

If you need assistance in completing the form, call 1-800-PTO-9199 (1-800-786-9199) and select option 2.